



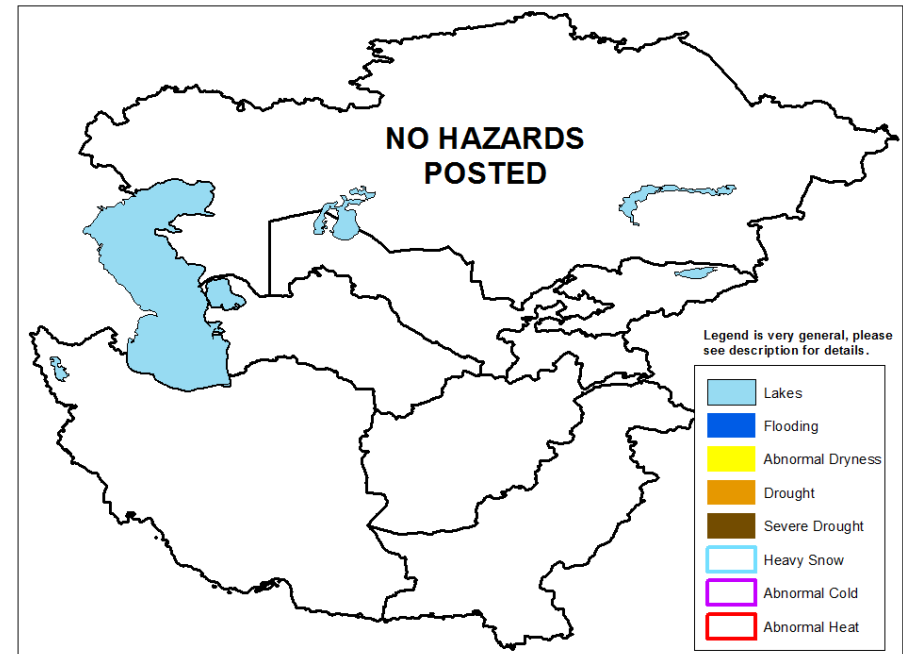
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook September 28 – October 4, 2017

Temperatures:

Above-normal temperatures (1 to 6 degrees C) prevailed across most of Central Asia from September 17 to 23. Minimum temperatures ranged from -3 to 0 degrees C over north-central Kazakhstan. The GFS model indicates that minimum temperatures will average at or above normal. Freezing temperatures are expected to affect northeast Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan which is typical for this time of year.

Precipitation

The heaviest precipitation (25 to 30 mm) was observed across northeast Kazakhstan from September 17 to 23. According to the CPC unified gauge analysis, precipitation has averaged near normal throughout most of the region. However, small precipitation deficits are indicated across eastern Afghanistan. There is growing concern for abnormal dryness in this area due to the lack of recent precipitation coupled with above normal temperatures. During the next week, widespread precipitation (2 to 25 mm, locally more) is forecast for much of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Locally heavy snow is expected across the highest elevations of Kyrgyzstan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.